



Art in Public Places Panel

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 13, 2016

The Art in Public Places Panel convened a special meeting on *Wednesday, April 13, 2016* from 12:00 – 1:00 pm at the Dove Springs Recreation Center, 5801 Ainez Drive, in Austin, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

Panel Members in Attendance: Brett Barnes (via phone); Ilse Frank (via phone); Emily Little (via phone); Dharmesh Patel

Special Jury Members in Attendance: Carrie Kenny, Mark Van Gelder

Staff in Attendance: Carrie Brown, Art in Public Places; Susan Lambe, Art in Public Places; Kevin Johnson, Parks and Recreation; DWayne Anderson, Parks and Recreation; Gina Saenz, Parks and Recreation; Frank Wick, Art in Public Places

1. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Discussion and Action on Deaccession of Artwork *Unity: A Tree of Life*

-Staff Briefing

Ms. Brown presented the deaccession proposal to the Special Jury. Mr. Van Gelder asked for more specific information about the water damage and asked if staff considered moving the mural to another location. Mr. Johnson provided clarification on the water damage. Mr. Wick noted that moving the mural was considered and found to be cost prohibitive due to anticipated storage and restoration costs. It is also technically difficult to remove because it is painted on drywall. Ms. Saenz noted that her department didn't have the resources to store the artwork or fund its restoration.

-Public Comment

Mr. Zavala stated support for the deaccession of the artwork but asked if the mural could be saved and donated to the Dove Springs Recreation Advisory Board to preserve its cultural significance. Ms. Lambe suggested that the board and the artist meet to discuss this option; AIPP will facilitate. Mr. Van Gelder shared some advice on how this work should be carried out and Mr. Johnson noted that instructions for the removal of the artwork can be added to the contractor's scope of work. He also noted that the artwork will need to be tested for hazardous material before being given to anyone (per COA regulations). Mr. Zavala was agreeable to this process. Mr. Zavala also stated that the advisory board should be kept in the loop as this process progresses. Ms. Lambe stated that this would be done.

AIPP Panel Member Patel made a motion to recommend deaccession of *Unity: Tree of Life* with the condition of removing the artwork with the intention to preserve it, pending approval from the artist. AIPP Panel Member Barnes seconded. The motion is passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 1:00 p.m. without objection.